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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS CONTEMPLATED BY WALDHEIM

1. SYG WALDHEIM TALKED WITH AMB BENNETT AFTERNOON
DECEMBER 21, SAYING THAT HE WANTED TO INFORM US
THAT HE HAD NOW DECIDED TO APPOINT TOLBA FOR EGYPT
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP. WALDHEIM SAID THAT
TOLBA HAD A GOOD RECORD, HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED TO HIM BY
MANY PEOPLE, INCULDING AMERICANS INVOLVED WITH UNEP
PROGRAM, AND HAD THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE AFRICAN GROUP.
AS WE WOULD REMEMBER, THERE HAD BEEN EARLIER CONSIDERATION
OF A LATIN AMERICAN FOR THE POST. LATIN AMERICANS HAD,
HOWEVER, SHOWN LITTLE INTERESTS AND HAD INDEED SHOWN
PREFERENCE FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE. HE WAS ACCORDINGLY PLANNING TO
PUT DA COSTA OF BRAZIL INTO THIS POSITION . HE HOPED
THESE APPOINTMENTS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US.

2. AFTER CHECKING MATTER OUT, BENNETT CALLED WALDHEIM
BACK TO TELL HIM THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREED
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WEO CANDIDATE FOR UNEP, WE FOUND NO PROBLEMS WITH
TOLBA. USG'S OPINION OF TOLBA AND HIS WORK WAS A
HIGH ONE. WE ALSO UNDERSTOOD DA COSTA TO BE A MAN
OF HIGH QUALITY AND THIS ENDORSED HIS CHOICE. WE
DID, HOWEVER, WISH TO REMIND THE SYG OF THE AMERICAN
INTEREST IN HOSTING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZED THE DECISION ON
THE SITE WOULD BE MADE ELSEWHERE IN THE UN SYSTEM.
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